

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
ABSTRACT

Energy Department – SCCL - Acquisition of land for new coal mining projects of SCCL and providing R&R under RFCTLARR Act 2013 and RFCTLARR (Telangana Amendment) Act, 2016 – Request for exemption from SIA study under Chapter II and Food Security under Chapter III of RFCTLARR Act 2013 for land acquisition in Bhadradi Kothagudem, Peddapalli & Mancheri Districts – Publication of Gazette Notification in Form-A - Orders - Issued.

ENERGY (BUDGET/A1) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 4

Dated: 11-06-2020
Read the following:

1. RFCTLARR Act, 2013 (Central Act No.30 of 2013).
2. RFCTLARR (Telangana Amendment) Act, 2016 (Act No.21 of 2017).
3. The Telangana State Land Acquisition (Consent Award, Voluntary acquisition and Lump-sum Payment towards R&R) Rules, 2017.
4. From the Chairman & Managing Director, SCCL Lr.No.CMD/PS/H/46, Dt:19.05.2020.

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ORDER:

In terms of Chapter II of the RFCTLARR Act, 2013 1st read above, whenever the Government intends to acquire land for a Public Purpose, Social impact assessment study should be carried out in the affected area in consultation with the respective local body.

2. **The Chairman & Managing Director, SCCL in the reference 4th read above, informed** that the SCCL is in urgent need of lands for the new Coal mining projects and that grounding of new coal mines and extension of existing coal mines are substantially delayed due to cumbersome procedure in land acquisition. As a result, SCCL will not be in a position to produce and supply coal as per the set targets to the existing and new power plants apart from other industries in Telangana State and South India. If the projects are not grounded as per schedule, cost of projects will be increased heavily due to delay. If coal is not supplied as per demand from time to time, operation of power plants will be affected and consequently lift irrigation projects, irrigation under wells and bore wells will also be affected; industrial production will be hampered and amenities to general public will also be affected.

3. The C&MD, SCCL while discussing the provisions of RFCTLARR Act, 2013 informed that for acquisition of land for a public purpose under RFCTLARR Act, 2013, under Chapter II of the Act, Social Impact Assessment Study (SIA) should be conducted by a Committee of about six members and appraisal of SIA by an Expert Group and the same procedure cumbersome and time consuming due to which land acquisition may be delayed for years. The C&MD, SCCL has further informed that the new section 10A of RFCTLARR Act, 2013 empowers the State Government to exempt in public interest in case of lands acquired for its own use and infrastructure projects, from the application of the provisions of Chapter II and Chapter II of the Act, 2013. The “mining activities” is in definition of ‘infrastructure projects’ in main Act of 2013. Hence, in the public interest the lands to be acquired for coal mines are to be exempted from the application of Chapters II and III of RFCTLARR Act, 2013.

4. In view of the above, Chairman & Managing Director, SCCL has requested to exempt part land acquisition for the project mentioned in the following table and land acquisition for Venkateshkhani Coal Mine, Kothagudem Area in Bhadradi Kothagudem District; RG OC-II Extension Project, Ramagundam-III Area in Peddapalli District and Indaramkhani OC in Srirampur Area in Mancheri District and arrange to publish respective Notifications in Form-A of the Rules under the RFCTLARR (Telangana Amendment) Act, 2016, in public

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interest and that after issuing a notification in Form-A, the concerned Project Authority will file requisition with the District Collector in Form-B duly enclosing Form-A notification:

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Land required Acres-gts	Land acquired so far Acres-gts	SIA exemption required now for land to be acquired	Targeted production of coal per annum	Justification for seeking exemption
1.	Venkatesh Khani Coal Mine; Bhadradi Kothagudem District	2063-08	1961-17	Acs.100-00 gts. in Penagadapa village in Sy.No.117 for Road, CHP and quarry of VK Coal Mine	1.20 million tonnes per annum; scheduled to be operated in 2021-22	This mine is conversion of under-ground mine into opencast mine. R&R benefits will be provided as per Telangana State Amendment Act 2016. To maintain production of coal as per set target and supply coal to powerplants, and other industries, avoiding delay in land acquisition exemption from SIA is essential.
2.	RG OC-II Extension; Peddapalli District	5851-13	4860-04	Acs.447-15 gt. in Gunjapadugu village in Sy.Nos.415, 419, 420, 421 422, 534, 535, 536, 537, 540 to 559, 560, 561 and 651/1	Working mine 4.00 million tonnes per annum;	This mine is working from 1991. Present land is required for external OB Dump yard. Adverse social impact due to this land acquisition is insignificant as the lands are agricultural lands and there are no residential houses and there is no displacement of people. To avoid delay in land acquisition, exemption from SIA is required. Compensation and R&R benefits will be provided as per Telangana State Amendment Act 2016.
3	Indaram Opencast Project, Mancherial District	1570-17	1031-26	Acs.524-35½ gts. a) Indaram Village Ac.21-27 gts. in Sy.Nos.376, 377, 444/1, 462, 463/1, 464/1, 472, 473, 476, 499, 500/1, 501, 504/1, 505/1, 507, 554, 642 to 644, 651, 652, 663, 665, 674, 675, 530, 841 to 843 b)Kachanapalli village Ac.5-10 gts. in Sy. Nos. 8 & 12 c) Ramaraopet village Ac.123-23 gts. in Sy.Nos.140 to 148, 152, 153, 186 to 194 d) Singapur village Ac.10-28 gts. in Sy.Nos. 167, 170, 171, 179, 180, 184, 185. e) Tekumatla village Acs.363-27½ gts. in Sy.Nos. 353, 354, 357 to 361, 365 to 370, 372 to 463	Working mine 1.20 million tonnes per annum	<u>Acs.524-35½ gt.</u> In different Survey numbers of Indaram, Kachanapalli, Ramaraopet, Singapur and Tekumatla villages, Jaipur Mandal, Mancherial District. For mining operations and road for transport of coal. SIA exemption was already granted by Govt. vide GO Ms.No.26 dated 15.06.2017 to an extent of Acs.1050-00 gts. for Indaram OCP. This is balance extent for which SIA exemption to be given. Adverse social impact due to this land acquisition is insignificant as the lands are dry lands. To avoid delay in land acquisition, exemption from SIA is required. Compensation and R&R benefits will be provided as per Telangana State Amendment Act 2016.

5. Government after careful consideration and examination of the provisions made in the Acts 1 to 3 read above decided to issue notification in Form-A duly exempting aforementioned lands from application of Chapters II and III of RFCTLARR Act, 2013 (Telangana Amendment Act, 2016) for new coal mining projects in public interest.

6. The following Notification shall be published in the next Extra Ordinary Issue of Telangana Gazette.

NOTIFICATION

“In exercise of the provisions contained in Sec.10(A) of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (RFCTLARR) Act, 2013 (Telangana Amendment Act, 2016) in its application to the State of Telangana, the Government have decided and accordingly hereby, in the public interest, exempt the following lands required for new Coal mining projects, from the application of provisions of the Chapter II and Chapter III of the Act:

Sl. No.	Name of the Project & Locality	Land required acres-gts	Land required so far (acres-gts)	SIA Exemption Required			Purpose
				Ac-gts	Survey No.	Address	
1	Venkatesh Khani Coal Mine; Bhadradi Kothagudem District	2063-08	1961-17	100-00	117	Penagadapa Village	For Road, CHP & Quarry of VK Coal Mine
2	RG OC-II Extension; Peddapalli District	5851-13	4860-04	447-15	415, 419, 420, 421 422, 534, 535, 536, 537, 540 to 559, 560, 561 and 651/1	Gunjapadugu Village	External OB Dump Yard
3	Indaram Opencast Project, Mancheria District	1570-17	1031-26	524-35½	a) 376, 377, 444/1, 462, 463/1, 464/1, 472, 473, 476, 499, 500/1, 501, 504/1, 505/1, 507, 554, 642 to 644, 651, 652, 663, 665, 674, 675, 530, 841 to 843	Indaram Village	For Mining Operation and Road for Transport of Coal
				5-10	8 & 12	Kachanapalli Village	
				123-23	140 to 148, 152, 153, 186 to 194	Ramaraopet Village	
				10-28	167, 170, 171, 179, 180, 184, 185.	Singapur Village	
				363-27 ½	353, 354, 357 to 361, 365 to 370, 372 to 463	Takumatla Village	

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7. It is also certified that all the efforts have been made in finalizing the minimum extent of Land required for the said project.
8. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Telangana State and the Chairman and Managing Director, Singareni Collieries Company Limited, shall take further necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

AJAY MISRA

Special Chief Secretary to Government

To

The Commissioner of Stationery & Printing, Government of Telangana, Hyderabad

(with a request to publish the notification in next extraordinary issue of Telangana Gazette and furnish (50) copies to this Department)

The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Hyderabad.

The Chairman and Managing Director, SCCL, Hyderabad.

The District Collector, Kothagudem District

The District Collector, Peddapalli District

The District Collector, Mancherla District

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